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To further the protection and recognition of veterans' memorials, and for
other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. CAMPBELL (for himself, Mr. COCHRAN, Mr. MILLER, Mr. JOHNSON, Mr. INOUE, Mr. CONRAD, Mr. BINGAMAN, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. BUNNING, Mr. DOMENICI, Ms. MURKOWSKI, and Mr. CRAIG) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

A BILL

To further the protection and recognition of veterans'
memorials, and for other purposes.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Veterans’ Memorial
5 Preservation and Recognition Act of 2003”.

1 **SEC. 2. CRIMINAL PENALTIES FOR DESTRUCTION OF VET-**
 2 **ERANS' MEMORIALS.**

3 (a) IN GENERAL.—Chapter 65 of title 18, United
 4 States Code, is amended by adding at the end the fol-
 5 lowing:

6 **“§ 1369. Destruction of veterans’ memorials**

7 “(a) Whoever, in a circumstance described in sub-
 8 section (b), willfully injures or destroys, or attempts to in-
 9 jure or destroy, any structure, plaque, statue, or other
 10 monument on public property commemorating the service
 11 of any person or persons in the armed forces of the United
 12 States shall be fined under this title, imprisoned not more
 13 than 10 years, or both.

14 “(b) A circumstance described in this subsection is
 15 that—

16 “(1) in committing the offense described in sub-
 17 section (a), the defendant travels or causes another
 18 to travel in interstate or foreign commerce, or uses
 19 the mail or an instrumentality of interstate or for-
 20 eign commerce; or

21 “(2) the structure, plaque, statue, or other
 22 monument described in subsection (a) is located on
 23 property owned by, or under the jurisdiction of, the
 24 Federal Government.”.

1 (b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of sections
 2 at the beginning of chapter 65 of title 18, United States
 3 Code, is amended by adding at the end the following:

“1369. Destruction of veterans’ memorials.”.

4 **SEC. 3. HIGHWAY SIGNS RELATING TO VETERANS CEME-**
 5 **TERIES.**

6 (a) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding the terms of any
 7 agreement entered into by the Secretary of Transportation
 8 and a State under section 109(d) or 402(a) of title 23,
 9 United States Code, a veterans cemetery shall be treated
 10 as a site for which a supplemental guide sign may be
 11 placed on any Federal-aid highway.

12 (b) APPLICABILITY.—Subsection (a) shall apply to an
 13 agreement entered into before, on, or after the date of the
 14 enactment of this Act.

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